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Sir:

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Copies of documents **NPL6** to **NPL9** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications, documents **US2** to **US8**, cited on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08A are not submitted. Finally, a copy of **NPL10** is not provided in accordance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office OG notice of October 19, 2004, which states: "the requirement in 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii) for a legible copy of the specification, including the claims, and drawings of each cited pending U.S. patent application (or portion of the application

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending and commonly-owned U.S. Patent Applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

Application No. 11/781,199, inventor Jackson, W. James, filed July 20, 2007, not published; listed as Document **NPL8**; and

Application No. 11/781,203, inventor Jackson, W. James, filed July 20, 2007, not published; listed as Document **NPL9**.

Moreover, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending and commonly-owned U.S. Patent Applications:

Application No. 08/942,596, inventors Jackson, *et al.*, filed October 2, 1997, not published; listed as Document **NPL10**;

Application No. 10/701,844, inventors Jackson, *et al.*, filed November 4, 2003; now published as U.S. Publication No. 2004/0067524 A1 (Document **US6**);

Application No. 10/766,711, inventors Jackson, *et al.*, filed January 27, 2004; now published as U.S. Publication No. 2004/0137005 A1 (Document **US7**);

Application No. 10/931,779, inventors Jackson, *et al.*, filed September 1, 2004; now published as U.S. Publication No. 2005/0048557 A1 (Document **US8**).

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